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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with N. Kenneth Buraston on 05/23/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claims

Claim 76, line 1, change numeral "75" to -- 74 --.

Claim 116, in lines 1, 2, 3 and ⁶⁻⁷~~5-6~~, the phrase "electronic component" change to -- semiconductor die --.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-8, 13, 14, 17, 19, 21-38, 41-48, 51, 71, 73-74, 76-82, 105-116, 119-147 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Prior Art does not teach or suggest:

In regard to claim 71 and 74, a microelectronic spring structure comprising a base secured to a terminal of a semiconductor die and a beam having a tip, wherein a cross-sectional width of the beam perpendicular to a length of beam comprising a contour that increases at least one of an area moment of inertia of the beam, a stiffness of the

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